

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

When devices connected through a bus of the IEEE 1394 type or the like are controlled by sending a predetermined command, in order to check whether the device corresponds with the desired control command, a parameter for sorting the command as being unique is added to an operation code of the control command to make an inquiry, thereby allowing whether the device corresponds or not to be confirmed from a response to the inquiry, and thus enabling a command corresponding to the device connected through the bus to easily be checked.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-11 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A communication method for carrying out communication between a plurality of devices connected with each other through a predetermined digital communication control bus, wherein

in order to check whether a second device connected to a first device through the digital communication control bus corresponds with a desired control command, a parameter for sorting the control command as a unique control command is added to an operation code